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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT [IDS]**

Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

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[ ] A. within three months of the filing date of the above-identified national application or within three months of the entry into the national stage of the above-identified international application.

[ ] B. before the mailing date of a first office action on the merits or before the mailing of a first Office action after the filing of a Request for Continued Examination under 37 CFR §1.114; or

[X] C. after (A) and (B) above, but before final rejection or allowance, and Applicant has made the necessary certification (box "i" below) or paid the necessary fee (box "ii" below):

[X] i. Counsel certifies that, upon information and belief, each item of information listed herein either was

[X] (a) first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this IDS; or

[ ] (b) not cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application and, to the knowledge of undersigned after making reasonable inquiry, not known to any individual designated in 37 CFR §1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this IDS.

[ ] ii. Credit Card Payment Form, PTO-2038, is attached authorizing payment of the fee set forth in 37 CFR §1.17(p), presently believed to be \$180. If the enclosed payment is incorrect, please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-4035 of the undersigned.

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☒ 2. In accordance with 37 CFR \$1.98, this IDS includes a list (e.g., form BN/SB/08A/B) of all patents, publications, or other information submitted for consideration by the office, either incorporated into this IDS or as an attachment hereto. Other than U.S. patent(s) and/or published U.S. application(s), which 37 CFR \$1.98(a)(2)(ii) does not require to be filed unless specifically required by the Office, a copy of each document listed is attached, except as explained below:

☐ A. Document(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are deemed substantially cumulative to document(s) \_\_\_\_\_, and, in accordance with 37 CFR \$1.98(c), a copy of each of the former document(s) is not enclosed.

☐ B. Certain documents were previously cited by or submitted to the Office in the following prior application(s), which are relied upon under 35 U.S.C. 120:

*(insert serial numbers and filing dates of prior applications)*

Applicant identifies these documents by attaching hereto copies of the forms PTO-892, PTO-1449, PTO/SB/08a and/or PTO/SB/08b (or their BN form equivalents) from the files of the prior application(s) or a fresh BN/SB/08A and/or BN/SB/08B listing these documents, and request that they be considered and made of record in accordance with 37 CFR \$1.98(d). Per 37 CFR

§1.98(d), copies of these documents need not be filed in this application.

[X] 3. Document AD is not in the English language. In accordance with 37 CFR §1.98(a)(3), Applicant states:

[ ] An English translation of each document \_\_\_\_\_ (or of the pertinent portions thereof), or a copy of an English-language abstract (or claim) is enclosed.

[X] For document AD a corresponding English-language patent or published application is included on the accompanying Form BN/SB/08A, with a line drawn in the margin connecting the non-English-language document with its corresponding English-language document.

[X] A concise explanation of the relevance of document(s) AD is found in the attached European search report (see reply to Comment 68 in the preamble to the final rules; 1135 OG 13 at 20).

[ ] A concise explanation of the relevance of document(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is set forth as follows:

[ ] A concise explanation of the relevance of document(s) \_\_\_\_\_ can be found on page(s) \_\_\_\_\_ of the specification.

[ ] A concise explanation of the relevance of document(s) \_\_\_\_\_ can be found on the attached sheet.


[X] 4. No explanation of relevance is necessary for documents in the English language (see reply to Comments 67 and 68 in the preamble to the final rules; 1135 OG 13 at 20).

[ ] 5. Other information being provided for the examiner's consideration follows:

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Respectfully submitted,

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